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SUBJECT : CINCHERM notes re Chapter IX

Little data is available on the use of Chapter IX for operational intelligence by military commanders but it is doubtless true that the military commander would ask the departmental map information component for a check of the Chapter IX information and for recommended maps on a case basis. Information is available, however, that the map information components rely on Chapter IX as their primary source for answering queries regardless of whether the request is on a case or NIS basis. Because the individual maps are evaluated and the evaluations carefully coordinated with information from other contributors, Chapter IX is the only source of comprehensive map intelligence. An AMS recommended series might not show the intricacies of a shifting political boundary or recent port construction, or might show a more exact waterway net than a well-known hydrographic chart and this type of information is readily available only in a Chapter IX. During World War II it was only through the coordination of evaluations by Army, Navy, OSS and the CAGS that the falsified native Japanese and Chinese maps were uncovered, an indication that it is not just theory that coordinated basic intelligence is preferable to departmental intelligence.

Chapter IX does not generally become as completely obsolescent as the writer intimates. When an item recommended in Chapter IX is requested from the library specified in the Chapter IX, the requester is usually notified if the specific map may be superseded by a more recent edition, a new series or a new map because this information is noted as part of the Chapter IX maintenance program. Whether these new maps are reliable or not is not established until the maintenance Chapter IX is completely coordinated but this perhaps would not concern the writer who appears to be more concerned about the coverage of recent maps than about their reliability.

The production status reports partially supplement the Chapter IX and little duplication of Chapter IX has been noted in the recent past. In fact, sheet-line indexes were omitted from the Chapter IX because they were available in the AMS and ACIC production status reports. Information that is missing in both the Chapter IX and the production status reports (although held in departmental dossiers) is that concerning non-U.S. mapping capabilities, agencies and personnel. To propose that Chapter IX information be produced only as part of Chapter I and be limited to the production of only three map agencies (all military) would be a duplication of status reports and an elimination of the major intelligence aspects of mapping.

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